

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Original) An apparatus for containing a plant comprising:
  - a. a sleeve;
  - b. a means for securing the sleeve to a vessel; and
  - c. a means for applying ornamentation to the sleeve.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means for securing is a fastener, and the ~~means for applying~~ ornamentation is a removable film.
3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 761, wherein the vessel is a pot for containing soil and a plant.
4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 771, wherein the vessel is a saucer for containing water.
5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, further comprising a top portion for at least partially covering a top of the saucer; and a bottom portion for at least partially covering a bottom of the saucer.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a film for carrying the ornamentation.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a film for carrying indicia which can be easily removed from the sleeve.
8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 761, further comprising a fastener for fastening a first end of the sleeve to a second end of the sleeve.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the fastener includes at least one of the following: a zipper, button, hook, hook-and-loop fastener, snap, sewn seam, buckle, and clasp.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia conveys a message for one of the following special days: a holiday, a birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Boss's Day, and Secretary's Day.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the indicia convey a brand message, or an advertising message.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 764, wherein the sleeve is stretchable in a first direction.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the sleeve is stretchable in a second and third direction.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 764, wherein the sleeve is constructed of a stretchable mood fabric, or polyurethane coated plastic.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia display a text message that relates to a holiday.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia relate to a special event.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia convey a text message that relates to a specific individual.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia convey a text message that identifies a company.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 476, wherein the ornamentation is a graphic that relates to a company.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 476, further comprising a graphic, which includes a corporate logo.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~76, wherein the ornamentation includes a holiday reference.
26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~76, wherein the ornamentation includes a graphic that is a character.
27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~76, wherein the ornamentation includes a photo.
28. (Cancelled)
29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means of applying includes at least one of: static adhesion, glue, pin, button, snap, and hook and loop fastener.
30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~77, wherein the ornamentation includes at least one of: a bead, a dangling decoration, silk-screened printing, a hologram, a button, graphics, stickers and text.
31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 77~~1~~, wherein ~~the~~a vessel is made of clay and the sleeve is air permeable to provide breathability, for healthier soil and plant life in the vessel.
32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 77~~1~~, wherein the sleeve has a conformed fit around the sidewalls of ~~the~~a vessel.
33. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 77~~1~~, wherein the sleeve is elastic to facilitate stretchability enabling insertion of ~~the~~a vessel into the sleeve.
34. (Cancelled)
35. (Cancelled)
36. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said upper portion of said sleeve extends horizontally inwardly along said first horizontal plane to a first inner lip coplanar with said upper corner along said first horizontal plane, said lower portion of said sleeve extends horizontally inwardly along said second horizontal plane to a second inner lip coplanar with said lower corner along said second horizontal plane and parallel to said upper portion.
37. (Cancelled)

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56. (Cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said sleeve holds pieces of said pot in assembled condition in the event of breakage, and ~~comprising in combination a repair method comprising pulling a portion of said sleeve~~ can be pulled away from said pot to allow access to cracks in said pot, ~~repairing said cracks, releasing the pulled-away portion of said sleeve to return to engagement against said pot.~~

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said pot has a hoop direction along the circumference thereof, and an axial direction along the height thereof between said top

and said bottom, and said sleeve has a pair of axial edges extending along said axial direction and joined together along said sidewall of said pot.

60. (Original) The invention according to claim 57 wherein said axial edges of said sleeve are stitched together.

61. (Original) The invention according to claim 57 wherein said axial edges are releasably attached to each other.

62. (Original) The invention according to claim 57 wherein said axial edges of said sleeve are attached to each other by a zipper.

63. (Original) The invention according to claim 57 wherein said axial edges of said sleeve are attached to each other by a hook and loop fastener.

64. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 comprising a liner suspended in said pot by said sleeve.

65. (Original) The invention according to claim 62 wherein said liner has an upper circumferential reach wedged between said sleeve and said upper corner of said pot to suspend said liner in said pot.

66. (Original) The invention according to claim 62 wherein said upper reach of said liner is attached to said upper portion of said sleeve.

67. (Original) The invention according to claim 64 comprising a clip attached to said upper portion of said sleeve and suspending said liner therefrom.

68. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim 65 ~~wherein said slip is~~ further comprising a clip attached to the underside of said upper portion of said sleeve.

69. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said upper portion of said sleeve extends inwardly to an inner lip, and comprising a circumferential rim at said inner lip and having overlapping ends permitting expansion and contraction of said rim by sliding said ends circumferentially along each other, such that the diameter of said rim may be expanded to permit insertion of said pot into said sleeve, whereafter the diameter of said rim may be reduced to facilitate conforming fit of said sleeve around said pot including conformance of said upper

portion of said sleeve extending around said upper corner of said pot and then inwardly to a smaller diameter at said inner lip.

70. (Original) The invention according to claim 67 wherein said sleeve had a folded-back portion extending outwardly from said inner lip and defining a circumferential channel bounded by said upper portion and said inner lip and said folded-back portion, said rim being retained in said circumferential channel.

71. (Cancelled)

72. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim 69 comprising extending ~~asaid~~ profile by extending each of said right and left sidewalls frustoconically upwardly to said width  $D_1$  therebetween, where  $D_1$  is greater than  $K_x A$ , and extending said profile by extending each of said right and left sidewalls frustoconically downwardly to said width  $D_2$  therebetween, wherein  $D_2$  is less than  $K_x B$ .

73. (Original) The invention according to claim 70 comprising additionally extending said profile by extending  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  left-right.

74. (Cancelled)

75. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim 72 wherein ~~asaid~~ contracted arc is parallel to ~~asaid~~ first arc, and ~~ansaid~~ extended arc is parallel to ~~asaid~~ second arc.

76. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means for applying the ornamentation is stitching the ornamentation to the sleeve.

77. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means for applying the ornamentation is by placing another layer over the sleeve.